

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

February 17, 2011

Dear: Educator/ School Official/ Board Member,

I am pleased to announce that the 32nd Congressional District of California is once again participating in the Annual Congressional Art Competition. This competition provides an excellent opportunity to encourage and recognize the rich artistic talents of our district's youth.

For the past 26 years, more than 300 Congressional offices have participated in this competition. The winning entries (one from each Congressional District) are displayed in the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. In years past, our district art competition has been tremendously successful, receiving more than 300 entries from various high schools throughout the district each year. The winner is flown out to Washington D.C. to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony, view their artwork in the U.S. Capitol and meet with over 300 other art competition winners from around the country.

Enclosed, please find flyers and entry forms further explaining the guidelines of the competition. **All entries must be delivered to my El Monte office by April 15th, 2011 by 5:00 pm. Regrettably, any entries received after April 15th and those not meeting the size requirements will be disqualified.** The winning selection will then be sent to Washington D.C., and displayed alongside other district's winning entries.

The 27th Annual congressional Art Competition provides a unique tribute to our nation's gifted young artists. Please encourage your students to participate in this worthwhile program for the opportunity to represent 32nd District proudly in the U.S. Capitol.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bryan Urias or Rita Medina of my El Monte office at (626) 448-1271.

Sincerely,



JUDY CHU, Ph.D.

Member of Congress, 32nd District

****Please Post****

Attention:

Participants of the 32nd Congressional District Congressional Art Competition

While our office encourages the development of all young artists, we are only allowed to accept artwork from students that live within the cities in the 32nd Congressional District. If you live outside the 32nd District and still wish to participate please contact your Congressional Representative for details on their office's participation. Below is a list of Cities in the 32nd Congressional District:

**Azusa
Baldwin Park
City Terrace (Los Angeles)
Covina
Duarte
East Los Angeles (Unincorporated)
El Monte
El Sereno (Los Angeles)
Irwindale
Monterey Park
Rosemead
South El Monte
West Covina**





2011 GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

General Guidelines

The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Artwork must be two-dimensional.

Each piece can be **no larger** than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.

Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.

Accepted media for artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
- Collage
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-Generated Art
- Photography

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (other than the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit. The panel will make the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol.

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Student Information & Release Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THIS INFORMATION IS USED FOR CERTIFICATES AND AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS.
INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MEMBER/DISTRICT INFORMATION	
MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME:	STATE:

STUDENT INFORMATION		
NAME:		GRADE:
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
STUDENT EMAIL:		
T-SHIRT SIZE:		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME(S):		
PARENT PHONE:	PARENT WORK PHONE:	

SCHOOL		
SCHOOL NAME:		
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
ART TEACHER NAME:		

ART COMPETITION ENTRY		
TITLE OF ENTRY:		
MEDIUM:		
DESCRIPTION:		
FRAMED DIMENSIONS: Height: _____ inches Width: _____ inches Depth: _____ inches		
See official guidelines for framed size and artwork weight restrictions.		

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RELEASE FORM ON PAGE 2.

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Student Information & Release Form

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STUDENT NAME:	STATE:
TITLE OF ENTRY:	

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION	
I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work or authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work.	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> ART TEACHER SIGNATURE

ARTWORK RELEASE	
<p>We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the Member of Congress designated above in <i>An Artistic Discovery</i> (the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives) and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the Member and the House the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition, for a period of two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a House panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. The undersigned also grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States the right to reproduce the art entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further grant the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Member, the House, their employees and agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Art Competition.</p>	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> STUDENT SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)

MEMBER APPROVAL (FOR OVERALL WINNER ONLY)	
I have viewed the above-signed student's artwork and approve of its content. I understand that by signing this form I am supporting this artwork and am responsible for its content.	
<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> MEMBER SIGNATURE	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PRINT DISTRICT OFFICE CONTACT NAME
	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> PRINT DC OFFICE CONTACT NAME